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**Persons died by Falling into Cutters and Manholes**

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons died of falling into drains and manholes in Delhi during the last three years,

(b) the efforts made by the Government to check such mishaps, and

(c) the action taken so far against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) According to the latest information compiled by M C D 12 deaths have been reported during the last three years from 7 4 1987 to 13 4 91 on account of accidental fall in the uncovered manholes

(b) The N D M C has given instructions to the maintenance as well conservancy staff to exercise greater vigil In order to reduce pilferage of cost iron manhole covers steel fibre rainforced covers are being used THE M C D & D D A have reported that necessary instructions have already been given to the field staff to ensure that uncovered manholes are covered/replaced as soon as it is reported by any authority or person

(c) The MCD has reported that action was initiated against the following officials due to negligence of duty

(i) Sh Charan Singh, N E (Drainage)

(ii) Sh Vinod Kumar, JE (Civil)

(iii) Sh Raghubir Dabbas, Sanitary Inspector

(iv) Sh Ram Kishan, Asstt Sanitary Inspector

(v) Sh Kuldeep, Safai Karamchari

**Scheme for pedestrians in Delhi**

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to allow only Pedestrains in Connaught Place area of Delhi,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) to (c) The New Delhi Municipal Committee have informed that a scheme for the overall rejuvenation of Connaught Place area has been formulated This comprehsive scheme involves beautification of area, construction of subways, creation of pedestrians pathways, construction of multi-tier parking, provision of additional public conveniences, discouraging traffic passing through Connaught Place improvement of major redial roads, reduction of air and noise pollution levels, decongesting Connaught Place especially the inner circle of vehicular traffic, closing of inner circle road to vehicular traffic and pedestrain station Facilities for pedestrains is one of the components of the scheme

M/S PITES, a Government of India Organisation was also asked to prepare a comprehensive report on pedestrain movement in Connaught Place area The final report is still awaited Further steps in this